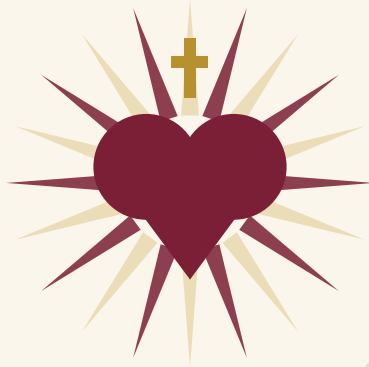


TWO COMPLETE DEVOTIONS IN ONE GUIDE

Divine Mercy

The Complete Chaplet & the Nine-Day Novena



The Complete Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer and The Divine Mercy Novena: The Complete Nine Days, revealed by Christ to Saint Faustina Kowalska, gathered together in a single guide — every prayer printed in full.

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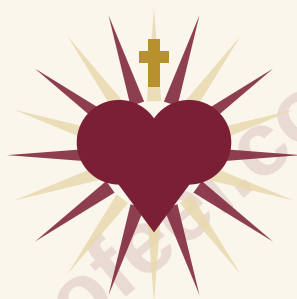
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PART I

The Complete Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer



Before You Begin

The Origins of This Devotion



Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905–1938) was a Polish religious sister of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy who, beginning in 1931, reported a series of visions of Jesus Christ. He appeared to her, she wrote, with one hand raised in blessing and the other touching His garment near the heart, from which two rays shone forth, one pale and one red, and asked that an image be painted of what she saw, signed with the words “Jesus, I trust in You.”

In the years that followed, Faustina recorded in her diary a chaplet of prayers that Christ taught her, to be prayed on ordinary rosary beads, offering His own Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity to the Father in atonement for sin and in trust in His mercy. She died in 1938 at only thirty-three, and her diary was for a time restricted by the Holy See before being fully reexamined and approved. Pope Saint John Paul II, himself devoted to the writings of his fellow Pole, canonized her in the year 2000 and established the Sunday after Easter as the Feast of Divine Mercy for the universal Church.

Jesus asked that the Chaplet be prayed especially at three o'clock in the afternoon, the hour of His death, remembered as the Hour of Mercy, though it may be prayed at any time and for any need.

How to Pray the Chaplet



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed on an ordinary set of rosary beads and takes about ten to fifteen minutes. Its structure mirrors the Rosary's five decades, but in place of the Hail Mary you pray a short offering of Christ's own Passion.

- Begin with the Sign of the Cross and the opening prayers.
- On each large, "Our Father," bead, pray the Eternal Father offering once.
- On each of the following ten small beads, pray "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion..."
- Repeat this pattern for all five decades of the Rosary.
- Close with the threefold "Holy God" and the concluding prayer.

No special beads are required; the Chaplet may also be prayed while counting on the fingers.

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Opening Prayers



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. (Repeat three times.)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

Our Father, Hail Mary & the Apostles' Creed

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Five Decades



Pray the following on the beads of each of the five decades, exactly as on an ordinary Rosary.

On the “Our Father” Bead

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On Each of the Ten “Hail Mary” Beads

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Repeat the Eternal Father offering and the tenfold “For the sake of His sorrowful Passion” for the second, third, fourth, and fifth decades, just as you would move around a Rosary.

Concluding Prayers



Prayed Three Times

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

The Promises Attached to This Devotion



In her diary, Saint Faustina recorded a number of assurances Christ attached to this prayer for those who pray it with trust. They are paraphrased here from the diary entries noted.

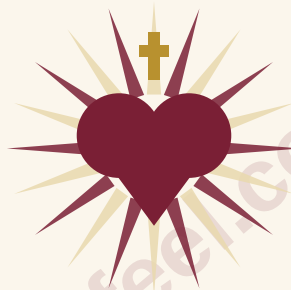
- A soul that prays the Chaplet with confidence receives great mercy at the hour of its death (Diary, 687, 754).
- Even a soul hardened in sin who prays the Chaplet even once can receive grace from God's infinite mercy (Diary, 687).
- Priests are encouraged to offer this prayer to sinners as a last hope of reconciliation with God (Diary, 687).
- Whoever prays the Chaplet may obtain anything asked, provided it accords with God's will (Diary, 1731).
- God desires to pour out extraordinary graces on souls who put their trust in His mercy through this prayer (Diary, 687, 848).

“Jesus, I trust in You.”

PART II

The Divine Mercy Novena

The Complete Nine Days



Before You Begin

The Origins of This Novena



According to the diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska, Christ Himself asked that this novena be prayed beginning on Good Friday, so that its ninth day falls on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday, the feast He established for the Sunday after Easter. Each of the nine days entrusts a different group of souls to God's mercy, moving outward from all of humanity to the sinner, the faithful, those who do not yet know Christ, and finally the souls in purgatory and those grown lukewarm in faith.

Though rooted in the Easter season, the novena may be prayed at any time a person wishes to spend nine days interceding, in a structured way, for the wide reach of God's mercy.

How to Pray Each Day

- Read that day's intention slowly, and, if you wish, add your own intention for the same group of souls.
- Pray that day's short prayer.
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, offering it for that day's intention (see “Prayers You Will Need” on the next page for the Chaplet in brief, or turn back to Part I of this guide for the prayer in full).

Prayers You Will Need

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, in Brief



Begin with the Sign of the Cross, then one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.

On the “Our Father” Bead

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the Ten “Hail Mary” Beads

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

To Close, After All Five Decades

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat three times.)

For the full Chaplet, with its opening prayers and closing collect, see Part I of this guide.

The Nine Days



DAY 1

All Mankind, Especially Sinners

On this first day, the novena opens as widely as it possibly can: with everyone. Before any soul is set apart by category, all of humanity is brought before God's mercy together, and especially those furthest from Him, since it is for their sake above all that mercy exists at all.

Today's Prayer

Father of Mercy, today I place before You the whole human family, and in a special way those who feel farthest from You. Let no one be outside the reach of Your compassion. Through the Chaplet I now pray, draw every soul, sinner and saint alike, closer to Your merciful Heart.

Now pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, offering it for today's intention.

DAY 2

The Souls of Priests and Religious

The second day turns to those whose lives are given entirely to serving others in God's name: priests, religious sisters and brothers, and all consecrated souls. Their vocation places them in a particular need of strength, since they are asked to carry others toward God even in their own moments of weariness or doubt.

Today's Prayer

Lord, today I hold up to You the priests and religious who serve Your people, often at great personal cost. Renew their first love for You, sustain them in loneliness or discouragement, and let this Chaplet be a shield around their vocations.

Now pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, offering it for today's intention.

DAY 3

All Devout and Faithful Souls

The third day is for those who already try, in ordinary and unremarkable ways, to live close to God: the faithful who show up, who pray, who keep trying even without dramatic signs of progress. Their quiet perseverance deserves its own day of gratitude and intercession.

Today's Prayer

Merciful God, today I remember the faithful souls who serve You quietly, without recognition or reward, simply out of love. Strengthen their perseverance, and let this Chaplet be offered in thanksgiving for every ordinary act of

fidelity that goes unseen by the world but not by You.

Now pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, offering it for today's intention.

DAY 4

Those Who Do Not Yet Know Christ

The fourth day reaches beyond the visible boundaries of the Church, to those who have not yet come to know God at all, and to those who, for whatever reason of upbringing or circumstance, do not believe He exists. Mercy does not wait for belief to begin working.

Today's Prayer

Lord, You desire that all people come to know You. Today I entrust to Your mercy everyone who does not yet believe in You, and everyone who has never had the chance to hear of Your love. Let this Chaplet, prayed today, be a hidden seed of faith in hearts I will never meet.

Now pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, offering it for today's intention.

DAY 5

Those Separated from the Church

The fifth day is for those who once belonged, in some visible way, to the family of faith, and who have since drifted, walked away in hurt or disagreement, or simply let the practice lapse over time. Mercy holds the door open long after a person has stopped looking back at it.

Today's Prayer

Father, today I think of everyone who has stepped away from the practice of faith, whether through hurt, doubt, or simple drift. Do not let the door close behind them. Through this Chaplet, I ask that Your mercy find a way back to every heart that once knew You and has since grown distant.

Now pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, offering it for today's intention.

DAY 6

Meek and Humble Souls, and Little Children

The sixth day honors the small and the overlooked: the meek, the humble, and children, whose trust is often more complete and less complicated than that of adults. Their example, rather than needing correction, is offered here as a model worth asking to imitate.

Today's Prayer

Lord, today I bring before You the humble and the small, and especially children, whose simple trust so often mirrors Your own kingdom. Protect their innocence, provide for their needs, and let this Chaplet ask that I might learn, from them, how to trust You as simply as they do.

Now pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, offering it for today's intention.

DAY 7

Those Who Venerate and Proclaim Your Mercy

The seventh day turns to those already devoted to spreading trust in God's mercy: the ones who share this very devotion with others, who speak of God's compassion rather than only His judgment, and who help carry this message further than any one person could alone.

Today's Prayer

Merciful Jesus, today I remember all who work to make Your mercy known, in word or in quiet example. Strengthen their witness, and let this Chaplet be prayed in solidarity with everyone who has ever helped another soul learn to trust in You.

Now pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, offering it for today's intention.

DAY 8

The Souls in Purgatory

The eighth day looks beyond this life entirely, to the souls being purified before they enter fully into God's presence. They can no longer pray for themselves, and so the living are asked to intercede on their behalf, trusting that mercy reaches even there.

Today's Prayer

Eternal Father, today I pray for the souls in purgatory, especially those with no one left on earth to remember them. Let this Chaplet shorten their trial and hasten the day they see You face to face.

Now pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, offering it for today's intention.

DAY 9

Souls Who Have Grown Lukewarm

The ninth and final day is, in its way, the hardest: not for those who have fully left, but for those who remain, technically, still believing, still occasionally practicing, but without real fervor, going through motions that have long since stopped reaching the heart. The novena closes by asking that even this quiet, half-hearted distance be met with mercy rather than judgment.

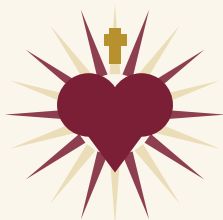
Today's Prayer

Lord, today I bring before You souls who have grown lukewarm, including, at times, my own heart when it settles for less than real love of You. Rekindle in us the fervor we have let grow cold, and let this final Chaplet of the novena be prayed as a fresh beginning, not a formality.

Now pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, offering it for today's intention.

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A Closing Word



Merciful God, as this novena draws to a close, I thank You for the nine days spent entrusting so many souls, known and unknown, to Your compassion. Let whatever trust has grown in my own heart during these days remain long after the novena ends, and let Your mercy continue its quiet work in every soul I have named before You.

“Jesus, I trust in You.”

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